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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act crediting fees from the sale of certain special motor
2 vehicle registration plates to the emergency medical services
3 fund and the veterans license fee fund, and providing an
4 effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.11, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:

1 3 35A.11 VETERANS LICENSE FEE FUND.

1 4 A veterans license fee fund is created in the state
1 5 treasury under the control of the commission. ~~The fund shall~~

~~1 6 include the fees credited by the treasurer of state from the~~

~~1 7 sale of special veteran license plates pursuant to section~~

~~1 8 321.34, subsection 13, paragraph "d". Notwithstanding section~~

1 9 12C.7, interest or earnings on moneys in the veterans license

1 10 fee fund shall be credited to the veterans license fee fund.

1 11 Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the commission to be

1 12 used to fulfill the responsibilities of the commission. ~~The~~

~~1 13 fund shall include the fees credited by the treasurer of state~~

~~1 14 from the sale of the following special motor vehicle~~

~~1 15 registration plates:~~

1 16 1. Veteran special plates issued pursuant to section

1 17 321.34, subsection 13, paragraph "d".

1 18 2. National guard special plates issued pursuant to

1 19 section 321.34, subsection 16.

1 20 3. Pearl Harbor special plates issued pursuant to section

1 21 321.34, subsection 17.

1 22 4. Purple heart special plates issued pursuant to section

1 23 321.34, subsection 18.

1 24 5. United States armed forces retired special plates

1 25 issued pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 19.

1 26 6. Silver star and bronze star special plates issued

1 27 pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 20.

1 28 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, subsection 10A, Code 2007, is

1 29 amended to read as follows:

1 30 10A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLATES.

1 31 a. The owner of a motor vehicle ~~subject to registration~~

~~1 32 pursuant to section 321.109, subsection 1, motor truck, motor~~

~~1 33 home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel~~

~~1 34 trailer referred to in subsection 12~~ who is a current member

1 35 of a paid or volunteer emergency medical services agency may,

2 1 upon written application to the department, order special

2 2 registration plates, designed by the department in cooperation

2 3 with representatives designated by the Iowa emergency medical

2 4 services association, which plates signify that the applicant

2 5 is a current member of a paid or volunteer emergency medical

2 6 services agency. The application shall be approved by the

2 7 department, in consultation with representatives designated by

2 8 the Iowa emergency medical services association, and the

2 9 special registration plates shall be issued to the applicant

2 10 in exchange for the registration plates previously issued to

2 11 the person. The fee for the special plates ~~shall be is~~

2 12 twenty-five dollars which ~~shall be is~~ in addition to the

2 13 regular annual registration fee. The department shall

2 14 validate the special plates in the same manner as regular

2 15 registration plates are validated under this section at the

2 16 regular annual registration fee.

2 17 b. The special fees collected by the director under this
2 18 subsection shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and
2 19 credited to the road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section
2 20 423.43, and prior to the crediting of revenues to the road use
2 21 tax fund under section 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
2 22 the treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from those
2 23 revenues to the emergency medical services fund created in
2 24 section 135.25 the amount of the special fees collected in the
2 25 previous month for issuance of emergency medical services
2 26 plates.

2 27 Sec. 3. Section 321.34, subsections 12A, 16, 17, 18, 19,
2 28 and 20, Code 2007, are amended to read as follows:

2 29 12A. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES == ARMED FORCES SERVICES.

2 30 a. An owner of a vehicle referred to in subsection 12 who
2 31 applies for any type of special registration plates associated
2 32 with service in the United States armed forces shall be issued
2 33 one set of the special registration plates at no charge, but
2 34 shall be subject to the annual registration fee of fifteen
2 35 dollars, if all of the following conditions are met:

3 1 a- (1) The owner is eligible for, but has relinquished to
3 2 the department or the county treasurer or has not been issued,
3 3 congressional medal of honor, ex-prisoner of war, or legion of
3 4 merit special registration plates under this section, or
3 5 disabled veteran registration plates under section 321.105.

3 6 b- (2) The owner provides the appropriate information
3 7 regarding the owner's eligibility for any of the special
3 8 registration plates described in paragraph "a", and regarding
3 9 the owner's eligibility for the special registration plates
3 10 for which the owner has applied, as required by the
3 11 department.

3 12 b. A disabled veteran shall be exempt from payment of the
3 13 fifteen dollar annual registration fee as provided in section
3 14 321.105.

~~3 15 Upon the death of the vehicle owner entitled to the special~~
~~3 16 registration plates, the special registration plates shall be~~
~~3 17 surrendered to the department or the county treasurer.~~

3 18 c. The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
3 19 plates under this subsection may continue to use the special
3 20 plates subject to registration of the special plates in the
3 21 surviving spouse's name and upon payment of the same annual
3 22 registration fee. If the surviving spouse remarries, the
3 23 surviving spouse shall return the special plates to the
3 24 department and the department shall issue regular registration
3 25 plates to the surviving spouse.

3 26 16. NATIONAL GUARD SPECIAL PLATES. An owner referred to
3 27 in subsection 12 who is a member of the national guard, as
3 28 defined in chapter 29A, may, upon written application to the
3 29 department, order special registration plates with a national
3 30 guard processed emblem with the emblem designed by the
3 31 department in cooperation with the adjutant general which
3 32 emblem signifies that the applicant is a member of the
3 33 national guard. The application shall be approved by the
3 34 department in consultation with the adjutant general. The
3 35 special plate fees collected by the director under subsection

4 1 12, paragraph "a", from the issuance and annual validation of
4 2 letter-number designated and personalized national guard
4 3 plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and
4 4 credited to the road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section
4 5 423.43, and prior to the crediting of revenues to the road use
4 6 tax fund under section 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
4 7 the treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from those
4 8 revenues to the veterans license fee fund created in section
4 9 35A.11 the amount of the special fees collected in the
4 10 previous month for national guard plates. Special

4 11 registration plates with a national guard processed emblem
4 12 shall be surrendered, as provided in subsection 12, in
4 13 exchange for regular registration plates upon termination of
4 14 the owner's membership in the active national guard.

4 15 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
4 16 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
4 17 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
4 18 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
4 19 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
4 20 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
4 21 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the
4 22 special plates to the department and the department shall
4 23 issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

4 24 17. PEARL HARBOR SPECIAL PLATES. An owner referred to in
4 25 subsection 12 who was at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a member of
4 26 the armed services of the United States on December 7, 1941,

4 27 may, upon written application to the department, order special
4 28 registration plates with a Pearl Harbor processed emblem. The
4 29 emblem shall be designed by the department in consultation
4 30 with service organizations. The application is subject to
4 31 approval by the department. The special plate fees collected
4 32 by the director under subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the
4 33 issuance and annual validation of letter-number designated and
4 34 personalized Pearl Harbor plates shall be paid monthly to the
4 35 treasurer of state and credited to the road use tax fund.

5 1 Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior to the crediting of
5 2 revenues to the road use tax fund under section 423.43,
5 3 subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of state shall
5 4 transfer monthly from those revenues to the veterans license
5 5 fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the special
5 6 fees collected in the previous month for Pearl Harbor plates.

5 7 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
5 8 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
5 9 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
5 10 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
5 11 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
5 12 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
5 13 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the
5 14 special plates to the department and the department shall
5 15 issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

5 16 18. PURPLE HEART SPECIAL PLATES. An owner referred to in
5 17 subsection 12 who was awarded a purple heart medal by the
5 18 United States government for wounds received in military or
5 19 naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States may,
5 20 upon written application to the department and presentation of
5 21 satisfactory proof of the award of the purple heart medal,
5 22 order special registration plates with a purple heart
5 23 processed emblem. The design of the emblem shall include a
5 24 representation of a purple heart medal and ribbon. The
5 25 application is subject to approval by the department in
5 26 consultation with the adjutant general. The special plate
5 27 fees collected by the director under subsection 12, paragraph
5 28 "a", from the issuance and annual validation of letter-number
5 29 designated and personalized purple heart plates shall be paid
5 30 monthly to the treasurer of state and credited to the road use
5 31 tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior to the
5 32 crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under section
5 33 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of state
5 34 shall transfer monthly from those revenues to the veterans
5 35 license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the
6 1 special fees collected in the previous month for purple heart
6 2 plates.

6 3 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
6 4 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
6 5 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
6 6 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
6 7 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
6 8 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
6 9 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the
6 10 special plates to the department and the department shall
6 11 issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

6 12 19. UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES RETIRED SPECIAL PLATES. An
6 13 owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a retired member of
6 14 the United States armed forces may, upon written application
6 15 to the department and upon presentation of satisfactory proof
6 16 of membership, order special registration plates with a United
6 17 States armed forces retired processed emblem. The emblem
6 18 shall be designed by the department in consultation with
6 19 service organizations. The application is subject to approval
6 20 by the department. For purposes of this subsection, a person
6 21 is considered to be retired if the person is recognized by the
6 22 United States armed forces as retired from the United States
6 23 armed forces. The special plate fees collected by the
6 24 director under subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the issuance
6 25 and annual validation of letter-number designated and
6 26 personalized armed forces retired plates shall be paid monthly
6 27 to the treasurer of state and credited to the road use tax
6 28 fund. Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior to the
6 29 crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under section
6 30 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of state
6 31 shall transfer monthly from those revenues to the veterans
6 32 license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the
6 33 special fees collected in the previous month for armed forces
6 34 retired plates.

6 35 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
7 1 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
7 2 and use the special plates subject to registration of the

7 3 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
7 4 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
7 5 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
7 6 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the
7 7 special plates to the department and the department shall
7 8 issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

7 9 20. SILVER OR BRONZE STAR PLATES. An owner referred to in
7 10 subsection 12 who was awarded a silver or a bronze star by the
7 11 United States government, may, upon written application to the
7 12 department and presentation of satisfactory proof of the award
7 13 of the silver or bronze star, order special registration
7 14 plates with a silver or bronze star processed emblem. The
7 15 emblem shall be designed by the department in consultation
7 16 with the adjutant general. The special plate fees collected
7 17 by the director under subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the
7 18 issuance and annual validation of letter-number designated and
7 19 personalized silver star and bronze star plates shall be paid
7 20 monthly to the treasurer of state and credited to the road use
7 21 tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior to the
7 22 crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under section
7 23 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of state
7 24 shall transfer monthly from those revenues to the veterans
7 25 license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the
7 26 special fees collected in the previous month for silver star
7 27 and bronze star plates.

7 28 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
7 29 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
7 30 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
7 31 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
7 32 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
7 33 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
7 34 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the
7 35 special plates to the department and the department shall
8 1 issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

8 2 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This bill, being deemed of
8 3 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

8 4 EXPLANATION

8 5 This bill directs the treasurer of state to credit fees
8 6 from the sale of special national guard, Pearl Harbor veteran,
8 7 purple heart, armed forces retired, bronze star, and silver
8 8 star motor vehicle registration plates to the veterans license
8 9 fee fund. The plates are issued for a special initial fee of
8 10 \$25 and renewed annually for a special fee of \$5 in addition
8 11 to the regular annual registration fee. Currently, the
8 12 special fees are deposited in the road use tax fund.

8 13 The bill provides that a surviving spouse of a person who
8 14 was issued special national guard, Pearl Harbor veteran,
8 15 purple heart, armed forces retired, bronze star, or silver
8 16 star registration plates may continue to use, or apply for and
8 17 use, the special plates by registering the plates in the
8 18 surviving spouse's name and paying the applicable fees. If
8 19 the surviving spouse remarries, the special plates must be
8 20 exchanged for regular registration plates. This privilege for
8 21 surviving spouses currently applies for congressional medal of
8 22 honor, ex-prisoner of war, and legion of merit special plates.
8 23 The bill also provides that if a person who is entitled to
8 24 congressional medal of honor, ex-prisoner of war, or legion of
8 25 merit plates chooses to be issued a different type of special
8 26 plate associated with military service, the person's surviving
8 27 spouse may continue to use that plate until remarriage.

8 28 The bill requires that fees charged for the issuance of
8 29 special emergency medical services registration plates are to
8 30 be deposited in the emergency medical services fund
8 31 administered by the department of public health. Emergency
8 32 medical services plates are available to members of emergency
8 33 medical services agencies for a fee of \$25. There is no
8 34 special fee for annual validation.

8 35 All of the provisions of the bill are effective upon
9 1 enactment.

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